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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 15-25 are pending. Claim 25 has been rejected and Claims 1-9 and 15-24 allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda et al. (6,263,099) ("Maeda") in view of Sandland et al. (4,556,317) ("Sandland") and Yokota et al. (4,966,520) ("Yokota"). Reconsideration is requested.

As discussed in the March 7, 2007, interview between Applicant's attorney and Examiner Gordon Stock, and stated in the Interview Summary dated March 30, 2007, "[i]t was agreed that Claim 25 overcomes the prior art in view of Yokota et al., for Fig. 10a: S9-S10 deals with data sets for use in rotating the wafer rather than an image. In addition, Yokota has an image rotation based on the angular orientation of the wafer in relation to the probe system rather than an optical system (Fig. 1; 9, 2, 1; again, Fig. 10a: 29-S10)." The Examiner is thanked for his time and thoughtful consideration.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 25 is patentable over the cited art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

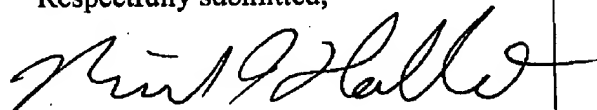
Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-9 and 15-25. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8202.

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